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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: IAN SMITH MESSAGE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

REF: PRETORIA 4458

1. IN PRESENTING SMITH MESSAGE HAWKINS UNDERScored THAT PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE OF PLAN ADVANCED BY SMITH IN HIS SPEECH LAST FRIDAY IS STEADILY ERODING AS NYERERE, MUGABE AND OTHERS MAKE STATEMENTS REGARDING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF FIVE POINTS AND FUTURE INTENTIONS REGARDING RHODESIAN TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE.
2. HAWKINS ZEROED IN PARTICULARLY HARD ON MUGABE A UNACCEPTABLE TO RHODESIAN WHITES BECAUSE OF HIS COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS AND RECENT COMMENTS ABOUT DISSOLVING THE WHITE FORCES IN RHODESIA. SCOTT AND I POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WE CANNOT TELL WHICH RHODESIAN AFRICANS WILL BE SELECTED TO NEGOTIATE WITH EUROPEANS, MUGABE IS A LOGICAL POSSIBILITY AND IN THE INTEREST OF GETTING A SETTLEMENT THAT WILL STICK AND THE GUERRILLA WAR HALTED, RHODESIANS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO DEAL WITH MUGABE RATHER THAN TRY TO EXCULDE HIM.
3. AFTER HAWKINS HAD LEFT, FOURIE SAID THAT DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY RHODESIANS ARE BADLY IN NEED OF REASSURANCE. LAST TUESDAY SMITH WAS ON VERGE OF RENOUNCING HIS FRIDAY STAND AND SOUTH AFRICANS

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PERSUADED HIM TO STAND FIRM. FOURIE URGED SIR DAVID

SCOTT TO GET ROWLANDS TO VISIT SALISBURY AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE. SCOTT SAID HE WOULD PASS ON REQUEST WITH  
HIS PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD  
HELP STIFFEN SMITH'S RESOLVE. I NOTED THAT MEETING  
OF RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVES WITH SCHAUFELLE IN PRETORIA  
ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY SHOULD HELP IN THIS REGARD.  
SCOTT ASKED ME IF SCHAUFELLE MIGHT NOT ACCOMPANY  
ROWLANDS TO SALISBURY. I TOLD HIM THIS WAS A MATTER  
TO BE DECIDED IN WASHINGTON. PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS ARE  
TO MEET WITH RHODESIAN REPRESENTATIVES HERE.  
BOWDLER

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